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Application of: Bastian et al.
Serial No.: 09/536,736
Filed: March 28, 2000
Entitled: METHOD FOR ISOLATING AND PURIFYING
NUCLEIC ACIDS ON SURFACES

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Sir:

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[X] A fee for additional claims is not required.

[] A fee for additional claims is required. The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

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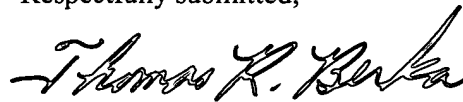
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Respectfully submitted,



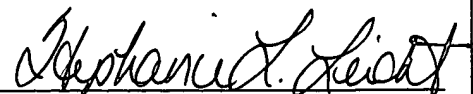
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